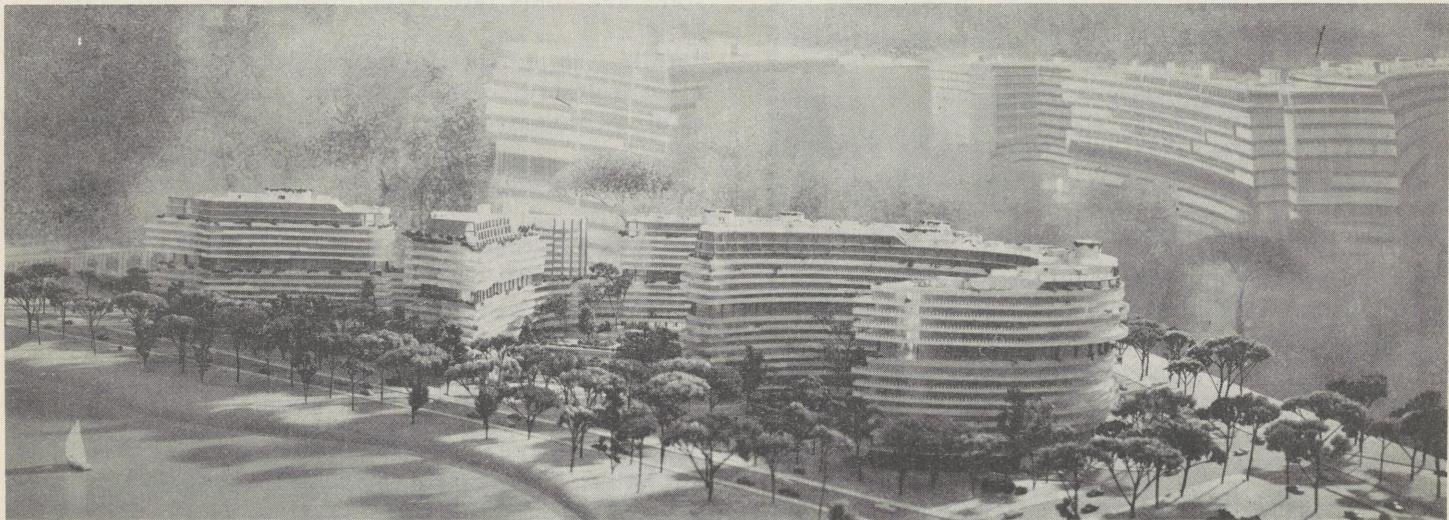


# The Foggy Bottom News

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## THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM

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## WATERGATE PROJECT BEGINS CONSTRUCTION

The digging going on at the intersection of Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues -- southwest corner -- is the beginning of Foggy Bottom's newest and most plush residential project: Watergate, pictured here. Ground was broken last week for the first of a complex of five buildings to be erected on the triangular ten-acre site. The first building is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1965 and it will contain approximately 300 residential units. Also contained within this "city within a city", on a beautiful, well-designed colonnade, will be a beauty salon, florist, cleaners, pharmacy, gourmet restaurant, and exclusive clothiers and specialty shops -- plus underground parking.

After almost three years of hearings and revisions, final revised plans in accordance with the Fine Arts Commission requests will be reviewed February 18 and approval is expected. \*\*\*\*\*

With the revised plans, the buildings will contain thirteen floors, instead of the originally planned fourteen. Also, the charming villas in the internationally acclaimed design have been eliminated.

When completed -- in about five years -- the buildings will occupy only 31% of the land area, leaving 69% for

beautifully landscaped grounds... which is probably one of the reasons that approximately 20 percent of the building has already been sold in the short time that the sales program has been under way.

Architect Luigi Moretti, and the firm of Corning, Moore, Elmore and Fischer -- the local consultants -- have provided in their plans for the residents of Watergate many elegant and distinctive features.

Besides the private penthouse terraces there will be four landscaped terraces for all residents...two of which may be reserved for private use. These terraces are made possible by the use of "built-in" air conditioning units and the ingenious application of landscaped elevator shafts.

The apartments will be almost custom-made for the residents...there's almost 200 different floor plans to choose from: studio efficiencies; one, two, three and four bedroom apartments; duplexes with up to three bedrooms; and penthouses. Prices for these luxurious quarters start at a little over \$100,000 and go downward to \$16,000. The prices include, where applicable, balconies, de-

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Bernice Teuteberg, Chairman

The Program for our February meeting will be, as indicated on the first page of the NEWS, the pro and con of Home Rule. It was the consensus of the Program Committee that the interest shown at the last meeting over Home Rule warranted a change in the scheduled date for that topic. Consequently, Home Rule was scheduled for this month and the previously announced topics are planned for later meetings.

We feel that we have obtained extremely well qualified speakers for the discussion of Home Rule. The "pro" side will be taken by Mrs. Richard Simonson, Member of the Board of Directors of the Home Rule Committee and former President of the League of Women Voters for the District of Columbia. The "con" side will be taken by an eminent attorney who is also the Vice President of the Washington Board of Trade, Mr. Elwood Davis. It promises to be an interesting meeting and the speakers will attempt to answer your questions following their discussion.

Bob Wood, owner of 2527 Queen Anne's Lane, and a member of our Program Committee, recently left the Foggy Bottom area for a new teaching assignment in Texas. Bob is joining the staff of the University of Texas in Galveston, where he will teach in the Department of Microbiology.

Two other members of the Program Committee also left the Bottom for similar reasons; as announced at our last meeting. They are Joyce and Bill Everett, who are now living in Johnsville, Pennsylvania, site of the Naval Air Development Center, where Bill is working in the Office of the Patent Counsel as Patent Advisor. Joyce left a teaching position at Beauvoir School here in Washington to be with her husband -- and she hopes to obtain a new teaching assignment in or near Johnsville.

We wish all of our former neighbors and friends the best, and hope that we shall have them back with us again, at some early future date.

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## WATERGATE ... (Continued)

luxe built-in kitchens, wood-burning fireplaces, and many other elegant appointments.

If this article reads like a sales pitch for Watergate our apologies are extended to Mr. Harold A. Lewis, President of Riverview Realty Corporation (a member of the Foggy Bottom Association), the exclusive Sales Agent for the Rome-based principals.

The genial Mr. Lewis invites Bottomites to come to Watergate and browse through the exhibit area and examine the models of the buildings. Hours, seven days a week, are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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The "Caroling Mystery Solved" article in January's NEWS has brought forth another answer to our little problem of to whom we should express thanks for the caroling during the Christmas Season. We gave credit and thanks to Jan Graham and Pat McMahon who, indeed, were deserving of it. However, there was another group caroling on December 18 and we wish to extend thanks and appreciation to them also.

Organized by Bill Coltellaro and Arthur Salmon (940 25th Street) this group made its way from Pennsylvania Avenue to Virginia Avenue, 26th Street to 18th Street, and all the streets in between. Again, our thanks are extended to both groups.

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YOU LIVE IN MEXICO!  
by Mary K. Manzoli

Next time you write home, tell the folks you live in Mexico -- the name of our neighborhood long before it became Foggy Bottom. Robert Peter, who came to Georgetown in 1752, prospered as a merchant and invested in much land here. His lands east of Rock Creek, bordered on the south and east by the River and the Hamburg settlement; and reaching north to about the present O Street were called Mexico. The Peter plantation thus encompassed all Foggy Bottom plus considerable stretches north of Pennsylvania Avenue. One can only conjecture why Mr. Peter called his lands Mexico, a name that must have been highly exotic in 1752. Perhaps the doughty Scottish merchant had made a killing with free-booting that involved Spanish crown galleons headed for Mexico. Rich Mexican trade was a favorite prey of American merchant ships such as those plying the ocean from the Georgetown port in those days.

The original Peter house on the plantation Mexico was in the middle of the block bounded by Eye and K Streets, and by 26th and 27th Streets. Later in the 18th Century the Peter family built the houses in the 2600 block of K Street which, as we mentioned in an earlier article in the NEWS, were among the most distinguished in early Washington.

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Robert Peter, as well as other Washington proprietors, were persuaded by George Washington to divide their lands into lots for the Federal City. But relatively little of the Peter lands was taken up for prompt development, and most of our part of town remained "commons" land until Civil War days. In or near our neighborhood, nonetheless, were some notable structures. Just northwest of Washington Circle Isaac Pollock built a group of houses in 1798 which gave the name of "Round Tops" to the Circle area. Long since demolished, the houses were perfectly square, with the roofs capped with octagonal cupolas. At 2107 Pennsylvania Avenue stood historically important Six Buildings, first location in Washington of the Navy Department. From September 1800 to May 1801 the State Department was also located in one of these houses. Among the famous residents of the Six Buildings were James Madison and Sam Houston.

At 1901 to 1913 Pennsylvania Avenue, until just a few years ago, stood the famous Seven Buildings. Dating from around 1800, these row houses were occupied by many notables, including Martin Van Buren. General McClellan had headquarters there in 1861.

Another fine old residence that vanished just within the recent past was the Lenthall House, located at 612-14 Nineteenth Street, which was built about 1800 by John Lenthall, an architect who worked with Benjamin Latrobe on the construction of the Capitol.

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## PAT PATTERS ON . . . . .

About the traffic mess on 25th Street the day it was closed between Eye and H Streets. Three Department of Highways and Traffic cars added to the confusion by entering the blockaded street, leading the following cars down the primrose path. When these cars reached the "next intersection" there was utter disaster as Officer Quigley patiently tried to explain that although they had conquered the hurdles, blockades, etc. set up in the preceding block, they could not cross onto Virginia Avenue. . . . .

About the Christmas tree still twinkling brightly in the Potomac Plaza window. . . . .

About a citizens' association opposing the site of the Cultural Center on the grounds that we're subject to floods and have no room for expansion. . . . .

About the unique flag raising and lowering system at Riverview Realty Corporation. . . . .

About the free taxi service Ruth Holmes provided on February first for all Potomac Plaza Terraces residents who needed transportation to Francis School so they could register for the elections. . . . .

About the difference in the signs at the presidential hopefuls' campaign headquarters. . . . .

About the official name change voted at the January meeting. Unofficially, we are now officially called The Foggy Bottom Association. Officially, we are unofficially still The Foggy Bottom Restoration Association. (In case you weren't at the meeting, this seemingly conflicting statement is caused by the red tape involved in changing the Association's name on the legal papers already in the courts.) As soon as it is feasible, the Executive Committee will change the name in all official documents...until then, we remain officially -- properly voted on -- unofficially -- pending completion of the litigation in process -- The Foggy Bottom Association. . . . .

About that attractive new facade on the Washington Circle Market. If proprietor Ed Shapiro would now put his attractive wife, Rosalyn, at the front check-out-counter at the window, he'd have an unbeatable combination. . . . .

About the new residents in the Bottom . . . the Mark Plaisteds at 2401 H Street; and Jack Churchill took the Bob Howards' apartment at 2431 Eye Street. . . . .

About the tans Esther Snyder and Claire Kalinoski are sporting after their trip to Florida — a first for both of them. . . . .

The Registration and Voting information flyer that will be distributed soon. Watch for it...and Vote!

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## FIVE PETS, SEVEN PEOPLE

Four dogs, one cat, and seven people will occupy the three fine town houses that Al Wheeler is completing this month in the northwest corner of Hughes Mews. Two of the new mewsters -- Jerry Hall and John Gaudreault -- moved into their new home, Number 900, in January, though it wasn't yet really finished. Two others -- Jay and Ginny Goldstein -- plan to move in February into Number 902; and the third couple -- Al and Opal Cottrell -- will occupy their new home, Number 904, in March.

Actually, the only new owners to Foggy Bottom are the Cottrells. Formerly residents of Takoma Park, D. C., their new home in Foggy Bottom is the one that stands at the entrance to the mews.

The largest and most spectacular of the new residents is Rannie, a friendly black Afghan Hound who, his owner affirms, has one of the best pedigrees of his breed. John Gaudreault owns the dog, Jerry Hall owns the house that all three live in, the one at the south end that faces the mews.

Jerry and John rented their former home, at 2433 Eye Street, to Miss Carol Anderson, who works at the Housing Center. In fact, they moved into their new home before it was finished because they had guessed wrong on the completion date and had to make good on their agreement to vacate for Carol.

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This will be the fourth house in Foggy Bottom that Jerry has owned and lived in since he arrived in the neighborhood in 1955. When this trail-blazer arrived in this area there were more outhouses than town houses in Foggy Bottom. One of the former stood a few yards away from the site of his present home. Shirley Kennard, then the Art Editor of the FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS, sketched one of the typical Chick Sales of that period for our issue of March 1958. It was equipped with aerials for television reception.

Jerry's job is with the National Paint Association; and John works in the Advertising Department of the POST. A Canadian, John won fame in his native country before he took up residence in the United States by winning the figure skating championship of Canada.

Jay and Ginny Goldstein will be moving back into the mews when they occupy Number 902, the house that can be only partly seen from the mews. It commands a fine westerly view. This will be the home of Timmy, the Goldstein ward, when he is home from boarding school. The Goldsteins have three dogs and a cat: Rufus, a Cavan Terrier; George, a German Shepherd; Jubal, a Brittany Spaniel; and Oliver, a Silver Tabby. The Goldsteins are moving from 916 - 25th Street, which they will sell or rent. They formerly lived at 915 Hughes Mews. Both Jay and Ginny are government workers.

Al and Opal Cottrell, who plan to move in March into Number 904, will be leaving the Cottrell family home in Takoma Park, D. C. in which Al grew up. His father, a government worker for 50 years, built the house. He died in 1955 at the age of 86. Our new neighbor, an executive with the telephone company, is President of the Washington Lehigh University Alumni Club. Opal is secretary to a Washington attorney.

The preceding article was written by the founder of the NEWS, Charley Rogers. We are grateful to him and look forward to more of his writings, for future issues of the NEWS.

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## LENTEN OBSERVANCE AT CONCORDIA

Christians are in increasing numbers turning to the season of Lent as a time to deepen their insight into the nature of man, the world he lives in and the unique place Christ holds in discovering the fullest meaning of human experience. At Concordia United Church, 20th and G Streets, special services will be held beginning with Ash Wednesday as follows:

On Sunday mornings the pastor, Dr. Henry C. Koch, will preach a series of sermons on the theme "The Profile of Christ -- How the Human and the Divine Meet"; and on Wednesday nights the theme is "How Christ Lays Hold of Man Through His Cross." The Sunday morning services are at 11 o'clock and mid-week services are at 7:45 p.m., preceded by a fellowship supper at 6:30 for which reservation should be made by calling the church office at EX 3-1495. Midweek services include three technicolor films -- February 19 "Challenge of Faith"; March 4 "Return to Nazareth"; and March 18 "Conflict".

On Sunday night, February 23 at 7 o'clock, Mr. Ted Dorman, Administrator of the new United Church of Christ Home Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland will be speaker on the church's ministry to the aging including a description of plans for the new church home. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of the church.

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Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr were delighted at the response to the recent Liturgical Fair and Exhibit. Under the chairmanship of Miss Melita Rodeck, Foggy Bottom's talented artist and architect, the Exhibit attracted visitors from all over the metropolitan area. Parishioners were especially pleased to welcome many non-Catholic visitors interested in liturgical art and publications. So successful was the exhibit, committee members began immediately planning for another exhibit.

With the beginning of Lent St. Stephen's will have a 6:30 evening Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week, and a daily 12:10 mid-day Mass, in addition to its usual morning Masses at 6:30 and 7:30. The Oblate College of Catholic University will supply a special speaker for each of the Lenten Services to be held Wednesday evenings at 7:45.

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